Pesticides residue in packaged drinking water

1685. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to extend stiffer European norms on pesticides residue in packaged drinking water to carbonated water, soft drinks and soda water;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how this decision is proposed to be implemented throughout the country where small scale producers are marketing carbonated water in villages and small towns?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) The PFA Rules, 1955 has been amended w'de GSR 451(E) dated 15.7.2004 whereby it has been made mandatory that water used in the manufacture of "Carbonated water" as defined under PFA Rules, 1955 shall conform to the standards prescribed for packaged drinking water under PFA Rules, 1955.

(c) The licence to manufacture carbonated water is issued by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries under Food Products Order, 1955. The quality of "Water" used in the manufacture of carbonated water is required to be monitored at the manufacturers/bottlers level by the concerned licencing authorities of Ministry of Food Processing Industries, under Food Product Order, 1955 as well as the Food and Health authorities of the State/Union Territories.

Changes and modifications in the family planning strategy

1686. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have lately reviewed and revised the family welfare strategy of the country, in view of the census figures 2001; and

(b) if so, what major changes and modifications brought about in the family planning strategy and the details of the revised strategy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Census